POLIPODIUM aculeatum.

Lin. Sp. Plan. 1552. *Ray Syn.* 121. *Flo. Scot.* 675. *Flo. Ang.* 459. *Ger. Em.* 1130.

TAB. XXVI.

PRICKLY POLIPODY.

FIRST leaves from one to two feet in length, of a true lance-ſhape, broadeſt in the middle, decreaſing gradually and ſlowly toward the extremities, being ſomewhat broader at bottom than at top; the rib channeled on the upper ſide, round below, and cloſely covered with brown chaffy filmy ſcales; ſubſtance hard, rigid, dry; colour a dark green.

Second leaves from twenty to forty in number, one or two of the loweſt pairs placed oppoſite, becoming gradually alternate upwards, ſeparate from each other quite to the top, the loweſt pair a little more remote than the next above, by an eaſy gradation growing nearer and nearer to the top, all placed at an acute angle with the middle rib, and curving upwards from the baſe to the point.

Lobes from eight to twenty, a few of the firſt pairs divided down to the nerve, they thence gradually become confluent, and loſe themſelves in the acute